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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
TIM POEPKEN, ET AL. : EXAMINER: A.J. ZIMMER  
SERIAL NO: 10/587,399 :  
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FOR: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING SILICON

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action dated October 21, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

A discussion of the **Support for the Amendments** begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.